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Producing Transgenic Plants Having Increased Root Growth and Root

Specific Gene Activation

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Sir:

This is in response to Office Action dated June 18, 2002, the period for response to which has been extended to October 18, 2002 by the filing herewith of a petition for a three month extension of time and payment of the required fee. The Office Action transmitted a Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures. A copy of the Notice is also enclosed.

Submitted herewith is a revised Sequence Listing that is believed to comply with the relevant rules. A paper copy and a computer readable copy (3.5 inch floppy diskette) prepared through use of the software program "PatentIn Version 3" of the Sequence Listing are attached. The content on the paper and the computer readable form is identical to the written paper sequence listing. The revised Sequence Listing contains no new matter.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the informalities have been met and this application can now be passed to examination. If the Examiner believes a telephone

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conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (602) 916-5317.

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